

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

Vancouver Island North Branch 06

General Meeting – December 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cecile Turnbull. She then called on Margaret Crites to lead us in the singing of O Canada.

Our special guests were Al Heinrich - Regional Service Officer and Provincial Advocacy Officer- and John Finn, B. C. National Director.

It was moved by Halle MacMullen and seconded by Dave Stinson that the minutes of the last general meeting be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

A presentation of flowers was made to Margaret Crites and Joan Collins in appreciation for the music they have provided for us at our general meetings.

### **Committee reports:**

Treasurer: Tom Dandeno gave his last report as Treasurer and said that we had a surplus for the period of \$2523.85, not including dues collected for 2011. He moved the acceptance of his report seconded by Bill Turnbull. Motion carried.

Membership: Steve Bunyan said that we have added about 50 new members as a result of the latest drive. With the distribution of the newsletter, we have lost touch with about 76 but he said he was slowly gaining and about one-third of those names published have been found.

Benefits: Bill Turnbull made a few remarks regarding the PSHCP membership card distribution. He also said that those who have a Pharmacare number must register it with Sun Life. The request for more information from the Treasury Branch about the reasons for the changes to the Dental Care Plan has still not been acted upon.

Programs: Barb Schneider said there were 210 people present for the luncheon. She thanked Laurie Hewitt for her help in making the favours and Frank Elvins for delivering them to us today. She wished everyone a Joyous Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

Media: John Davis had nothing to report. He said he would have the pictures taken at this meeting in the photo album for the next general meeting in March.

Welfare: Halle MacMullen said she had sent out three sympathy cards and two “thinking of you” cards. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Telephone: Paddy wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She also said she needed more people for the telephone committee and she is looking for volunteers.

History: Frank Elvins wished one and all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

At this point, Grant and Solveig Nichols were wished a Very Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Old business:**

Ian Sibbald said that they have been working on a plan to arrange for transportation to meetings for those

who no longer drive. Paddy O'Brien said that we now have 7 volunteer drivers – one from Campbell River and six from the Valley. She will get the list of names to the telephone committee members for the February call-outs so that drives can be provided for those in need.

**New business:**

Cecile announced that the pension increase for 2011 is 1.4%. This was greeted by applause and cheers.

**Election of Officers:**

The election of officers was carried out by Al Heinrich.

Kathi Brown was nominated and elected to fill the position of Treasurer. Elizabeth Steeves and Deborah Yelf were nominated and elected as directors. As the term of office is two years, those already on the Board who chose to stay and run again included Ian Sibbald, Vice-President, Frank Elvins, John Davis, Barbara Schneider,

Paddy O'Brien and Marjorie Arnold. They were all elected by acclamation.

The Financial Review Committee consists of two members. John Renaud will remain on the committee and Dave Shewchuk, nominated by John Finn, will join him.

John Finn told us that there is an election in the spring for a Regional Service Officer. At present, Al Heinrich is the Regional Service Officer and Provincial Advocacy Officer. This is quite a heavy load for one person so the search is on for someone to run for the Regional Service Officer position.

Cecile thanked Barb for the work she does in planning these meetings for us and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. She also presented John Finn with a plaque of appreciation.

Tom Dandeno, after being Treasurer of this Branch for 17 years, has retired and was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. Cecile also moved that he be made a Life Member. The motion unanimously carried.

The pot of Gold was shared by Gerry Parry, Art Collins, Clyde Levy and Jean Procter.

The Westerly donation was claimed by Kyle Jones, the Food Bank draw by Chris Aerts and the Door prize went to John Hewlitt.

Following a visit from Santa Clause, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary: Dorothy Lind

President: Cecile Turnbull